

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2006 meeting. Representative Hune supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5493 before the committee.

HB 5493 Stakoe Occupations; nurses; nurse licensure compact; create.

Heidi Puckett of Representative Stakoe's office testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Stacey Hettiger of the House Republican Policy Office testified on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Tom Bissonnette of the Michigan Nurses Association testified on the bill. Mr. Bissonnette also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Felicia Wasson and Sean Gehle of Ascension Health of Michigan. Ms. Wasson and Mr. Gehle also submitted written testimony.

Dee Tyler of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses and the Association of Occupational Health Practitioners.

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Lynn Weimeister of Beaumont Hospitals.

Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Vander Veen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5493. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-1.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Gleason.

Representative Vander Veen moved to report HB 5493 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 11-0-6.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Ball, Kahn, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason.

The Chair laid SB 795 before the committee.

SB 795 George Records; other; procedure for transmission of microfilm or electronic copies of vital records by state registrar to facilitate genealogical research; establish.

Jill Costello of Senator George's office testified in support of the bill.

Melvin Holley of the Lansing African-American Genealogical Society and Joanne Harvey of the Michigan Genealogical Council testified in support of the bill. Mr. Holley and Ms. Harvey also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Christine Shearer of the Michigan Association of Health Plans.

Nick Bozen of the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries.

Representative Robertson moved to report SB 795 with recommendation. Representative Hune supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4439 before the committee.

HB 4439 Vander Veen Occupations; health care professions; licensure of speech-language pathologists; provide for.

Tim Weise of Garden City Hospital and the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association, Elaine Ledwon-Robinson of the Michigan Speech Hearing Association, Alex Johnson of Wayne State University and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and Michael Rolnick of William Beaumont Hospital and the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Lynn Weimeister of Beaumont Hospitals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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